THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as on 1st Aug., 1996, 4982 Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), having their registered offices in Tamil Nadu, were included in the mailing list of RBI of which 118 are registered with RBI. As the information relating to the locations of the NBFCs in Tamil Nadu is voluminous, time and effort involved in collecting and compiling the information would not be commensurate with the purpose likely to be achieved.

(b) and (c). RBI has reported that it has no information about cheating by NBFCs. However, complaints alleging default in repayment of principal/payment of interest were received by RBI against two companies in Tamil Nadu during the last one year. Under the provisions of RBI Act, 1934 and the directions issued thereunder, RBI is not empowered to enforce payment of deposits or payment of interest thereon in the event of default. However, RBI issued directions for regulating quantum of deposits upto specified ceiling related to Net Owned Funds and prescribe minimum and maximum tenure of deposits and maximum rate of interest on deposits etc. Wherever it is found that NBFCs are violating the RBI directions, RBI is empowered to prohibit the company from accepting further deposits from public. In exercise of these powers, 6 companies in Tamil Nadu have been prohibited from accepting further deposits.

(d) and (e). Proposals have been initiated to regulate the activities of NBFCs more effectively.

[Translation]

Production of Coal

5710. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the production of coal in the country during the last three years, State-wise, company-wise and their subsidiary-wise;

(b) the number of employees working in these coal companies, company-wise;

(c) whether there is any reduction in the employees of these companies during above period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the safety measures being adopted by the Government in coal mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The production of coal in the country during the last three years, State-wise, company-wise and their subsidiary-wise was as under :

(million tonnes)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	23.21	25.65	26.77
Assam	1.20	1.19	0.82
Bihar	73.27	72.41	74.53
Madhya Pradesh	72.86	75.12	79.76
Maharashtra	20.45	21.00	22.82
Orissa	24.30	27.32	32.70
Uttar Pradesh	12.14	13.70	14.80
West Bengal	16.61	17.34	17.93
Total	246.04	253.73	270.13

Company-wise/ Subsidiary-wise	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
ECL	22.61	24.85	27.81
BCCL	29.04	28.75	27.81
CCL	33.51	31.21	30.76
NCL	31.41	32.50	35.20
WCL	26.50	27.24	29.01
SECL	47.53	50.00	53.17
MCL	24.30	27.33	32.70
NEC	1.20	1.99	0.82
CIL	216.10	233.07	237.28
SCCL	25.21	25.65	26.77
CAPTIVE COLLIERIES (TISCO, IISCO & DVC)	4.73	5.01	6.08
TOTAL	246.04	253.73	270.13

(b) The number of employees working in these coal companies, company-wise in Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) was as under :—

Subsidiary Co.	Manpower as on 1.4.94	1.4.95	1.4.96
1	2	3	4
Coal Producing			
ECL	171,727	163,805	161,675
BCCL	156,576	149,972	147,439
CCL	95,676	94,404	92,816
NCL	16,165	16,298	16,661
WCL	84,585	84,309	94,857
SECL	97,523	98,371	99,928

1	2	3	4
MCL	22,060	22,642	22,923
NEC	5,098	4,894	4,826
SUB TOTAL	649,910	634,695	630,285
NON-COAL PRODUCING			
OMPDIL	4,180	4,086	3,982
CIL (HQS)	1,658	1,614	1,567
DANKUNI COAL COMPLEX (DCC)	696	698	701
SUB TOTAL	6,534	6,398	6,250
GRAND TOTAL	655,944	641,093	636,535
SCCL	114,971	114,496	113,823

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. There has been overall reduction of manpower in CIL & SCCL and reasons thereof were natural wastage, resignation, and voluntary retirement scheme (Bureau of Public Enterprises) and volunatary retirement against other schemes.

(e) Preventive steps as laid down in detail in the Coal Mines Regulations 1957, directives of Directorate General of Mines Safety, Expert Committee recommendations as also in the recommendations of various Courts of Inquiry, Safety Conferences, etc. are adopted by the mine managements. For better observance of these steps, Government is promoting self-regulation by coal companies through internal safety audits, workers participation in safety management, tripartite/bipartite reviews at various levels, training and retraining of work persons, observance of safety weeks and safety compaigns and national safety awards.

[English]

Capital Investment

5711. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for constituting a board to monitor capital investment at district level in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Government at present do not have such a proposal.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

[Translation]

Illegal Mining of Coal

5712. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether illegal coal mining on large scale is going on in the forest areas of Bihar and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop such illegal coal mining ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) and (b). Illegal coal mining is not taking place on a large scale in the forest areas within the leasehold areas of the subsidiary companies of CIL.

(c) Following steps are taken by the CIL subsidiaries to check illegal mining :

(i) As far as possible, the exposed coal faces in unused/ abandoned quarries and underground abandoned workings are blocked with debris.

(ii) The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the company's security personnel regularly patrol the areas where illegal mining have been reported earlier. The CISF in association with local police, also conduct raids on illegal mining sites wherever information reaches the authorities.

(iii) On receipt of information on illegal mining and after preliminary enquiry, a First Information Report is filed with the local police.

(iv) The coal companies maintain close liaison with the State/District authorities and the police to keep a check on illegal mining.

(v) Surprise checks and raids are conducted by the security staff of the coal companies.

Losses to P.N.B.

5713. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Punjab National Bank has suffered a loss of Rs. 95 crores during 1995-96 as has been reported in the *Nav Bharat Times* dated August 19, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of other public sector banks which have suffered losses during 1995-96 and the quantum of loss so suffered by them individually; and

(d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken to check the losses in the public sector banks ?